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1. On 1 May 1951, there was a large parade of troops in Sofia. More military units took part in the parade than in previous years. The discipline and behaviour of the soldiers was very good; this was particularly true of the school units. The uniforms of the soldiers were completely new. The new Bulgarian military flags are red and have a five-point star of darker red in the middle. No changes in armament were noted except for the model M-8 Katyusha rocket launchers on movable platforms.
2. The following units took part in the parade:
- a. 200 officers, 100 of whom were from the Central General Staff, and 100 from various military commands in Sofia;
- b. Military schools and academies:
- (1) 800 cadets from the Vasil Levski Infantry Academy;
- (2) 200 cadets from the Vasil Levski Artillery and Engineers Academy;
- (3) 200 cadets from the Vasil Levski Academy for Border Guards;
- (4) 400 cadets from the Vasil Levski Aeronautical Academy;
- (5) 100 air force officers not belonging to units;
- (6) 100 cadets from the Naval Academy in Varna; and
- (7) 500 cadets from the Hristo Botev School for Reserve Officers;
- c. One infantry regiment of the Guards;
- d. One cavalry squadron of the Guards;
- e. A regiment of motorized infantry;
- f. A regiment of field artillery;
- g. A detachment of M-8 Katyushas;
- h. A regiment of heavy field artillery;
- i. A tank regiment; and
- j. Yak-9 fighter planes in low flight.
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